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***Pope slowly recovering***

# 'We need you'

**By Deacon James Steinberg**

Last Wednesday's shooting of Pope John Paul II in Rome came as a shock to most San Diegans as it did to people around the world, but it was the kind of a shock we have experienced before and the kind of a shock we will no doubt experience again.

Only six weeks and two days before, we watched the unfolding drama of the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan in Washington, and the repeated replays of the actual shooting itself.

**THE MAY 13** attempt on the Holy Father's life was almost a television rerun of the March 30 shooting, only the characters and the location were reversed. That was the day the pope sent a telegram to Washington, wishing the president a speedy recovery. Last week it was the president who sent a cable to the Vatican, wishing the pontiff, also the target of an assassin's bullets, prayers for a return to health.



Deacon James Steinberg photo

**MEETS THE PRESS—San Diego's news people came to Bishop Leo T. Maher's office less than an hour after the shooting. "We need this pope," said the bishop, asking all to pray.**

News of the shooting reached most San Diegans before nine that morning. Bishop Leo T. Maher received the news at home and then went to St. Francis Seminary for a scheduled meeting of the Priests' Council.

After spending just a few minutes at the seminary, the bishop went to his office on the University of San Diego campus; representatives of the press, radio and television were already waiting for him by the time he arrived, and the bishop pointed out the irony that Pope John Paul, who speaks so strongly in defense of life, had his own life threatened; that Pope John Paul, who speaks so strongly against violence, was himself suffering "from the wounds of violence."

**BISHOP MAHER,** who visited the pope less than two weeks before, reminded everyone of the pope's great and genuine love for all, a love shown by his witness to peace and social justice, a love shown by his disregard of personal safety in mingling with crowds which often number in the many tens of thousands.

"But good is never done except at the expense of those who do it," said the bishop. "We ask all the people to pray continually for his speedy recovery. We need this pope. We need his guidance and leadership."

The bishop then sent the following telegram to His Holiness: "Assuring you of our great love, concern and prayers for your speedy recovery. People of the Diocese of San Diego are stunned that harm would come to your person. Masses being offered in every church. We need the strength of your leadership. We need the comfort of your encouragement. We need you."

**WITHIN HOURS,** the first Masses were offered for the recovery of the pope. Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez celebrated a special noonday Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on behalf of the diocese, and Bishop Maher offered special prayers for Pope John Paul that evening at All Hallows Church in La Jolla.



Mark Ryland photo

**THROUGH HIM, WITH HIM, IN HIM—Within hours of the attempted murder of Pope John Paul II, Masses were being offered throughout the diocese for his recovery. Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez, left, is shown at the noonday Mass in St. Joseph Cathedral, with Msgr. Rudolph Galindo at his side.**

Other parishes followed; classes were interrupted at all parochial schools to inform the students of what had happened, and the children at Holy Family School went over to the church almost immediately, where a special Mass for the pontiff's recovery was offered by Father Jeremiah O'Sullivan. The scene was repeated throughout the Diocese of San Diego, throughout the world.

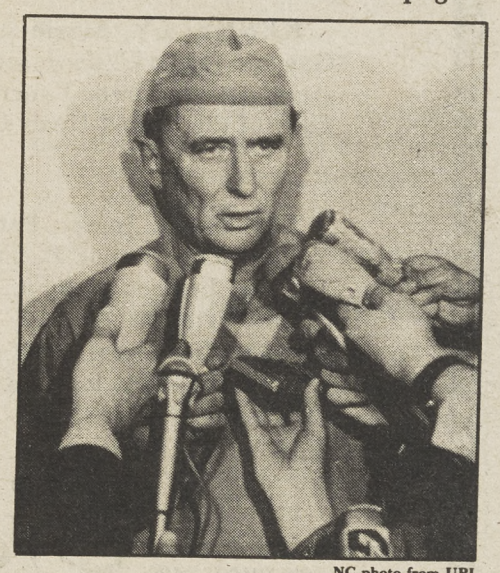
This was not the first attempt on Pope John Paul's life. Last February, as the Holy Father was on the first leg of his trip to the Far East, a hand grenade exploded in the Karachi soccer stadium just minutes before the pontiff was to celebrate Mass for over 75,000 persons.

**ONE PERSON** was killed and three were wounded by the explosion, but the pope was not informed of what had happened until his plane was airborne and on the way to Manila.

The pope's next stop, at Manila's International Airport, was the scene of the only other attempt in modern times to take the life of a reigning pope. Eleven years before, on Nov. 27, 1970, a Bolivian armed with a dagger tried to kill Pope Paul VI. There have been reports, never confirmed by the Vatican, that the pope was actually struck with the knife.

No murder of a bishop since the

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**DOCTOR'S REPORT—Professor Giancarlo Castiglioni, director of the Gemelli Polyclinic, Rome's most modern hospital, talks to reporters after completing surgery on Pope John Paul II.**



Photo by Felici, Rome

**WITH POPE—Less than two weeks before he was shot in St. Peter's Square, Pope John Paul II was visited by Bishop Leo T. Maher, who invited the Holy Father to San Diego. The two prelates are shown only yards from where the actual shooting took place May 13.**

# Vatican

As Pope John Paul II remains in a Rome hospital, control of the Vatican and the central administration of the Roman Catholic Church is still in his hands.

Administrative authority would pass to 73-year-old Cardinal Paolo Bertoli, papal chamberlain, only upon the death of the pope.

**SOME VATICAN** offices faced sharply increased workloads as the result of the May 13 attempt on the Holy Father's life, but for most curial offices it was business as usual. The Secretariat of State has been inundated with telegrams from around the world wishing the pope a speedy recovery.

American Cardinal William Baum, prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education, summed up the prevailing mood in the Vatican when he said that "as an act of faith and homage to the Holy Father, I propose that our work continue."

Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, papal secretary of state, was on a flight from Rome to New York when he was informed by the pilot that the pope had been seriously wounded by a gunman in St. Peter's Square. The cardinal immediately boarded a Rome-bound flight upon landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

**THE CARDINAL** was one of the pope's first visitors after five hours of surgery in the Gemelli Polyclinic. Other visitors included Cardinal Carlo Confalonieri, dean of the College of Cardinals, Italian President Sandro Pertini, and the pontiff's personal secretaries, Fathers Stanislaw Dziwisz and John Magee.

President Pertini told reporters that he "remained beside the pope until the moment he finally opened his eyes. He recognized me. He looked at me for a long time and for a moment he took my hand and said, 'Thank you, thank you.'"

Although the pope continues to improve, he faces additional surgery within the next few weeks; one of his physicians, Dr. Luigi Candia, said one operation will reverse the effects of a temporary colostomy and the other will repair the shattered bones in the Holy Father's left index finger.

**THE DOCTOR** did indicate, however, that the pontiff might be able to resume some work from his hospital bed "within 15 days."

The pope's steadily improving condition was best summed up by Father Romeo Panciroli, director of the Vatican Press Office, who said John Paul "is well, talking and is praying."

Perhaps the busiest Vatican staff members in the hours immediately following the shooting were at *L'Osservatore Romano,* the Vatican daily newspaper, who worked throughout the night to produce an eight-page edition which featured medical reports, photos and first-person accounts of the attempted assassination.

**IN A FRONT** page editorial, *The Darkness of Hate,* Editor Valerio Volpini said, "More than ever at this moment the earthly heart of the Church beats in unison because what has happened is a terrible, incredible, hard sign of the times."

More than two-thirds of the Italian voters rejected restrictions on Italy's abortion law May 17-18, despite a strong anti-abortion campaign by Pope John Paul II and the bishops of the predominantly Catholic country.

By a margin of 67.9 percent to 32.1 percent they voted down a popular referendum that would have restricted abortions to those cases in which the mother's life or physical health is seriously endangered by continuation of a pregnancy.

**THE VOTE WAS** considered a major defeat for the Catholic Church and a victory for secular political parties and the concept of Italy as a secular state. Currently Catholicism is the state religion and the Catholic Church has strong ties to the Christian Democratic Party, Italy's largest.

Pope John Paul II never referred directly to the abortion referendum, but spoke strongly against legalized abortion on several occasions in the two months before the referendums.

## Bishop Raush dies at 52

PHOENIX, Ariz. (NC)—Bishop James S. Rausch of Phoenix, 52, former general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, died of a heart attack May 18.

"The sudden death of Bishop Rausch is a great sorrow for me personally," said Bishop Leo T. Maher upon learning of the death "of our neighboring bishop.

"He contributed so much to the Church in America as secretary of the bishops' conference and as the bishop of Phoenix. He will be missed for his great leadership and pastoral ministry."

# Official

**Bishop Leo T. Maher:**

Friday, May 22, San Diego, University of San Diego Board of Trustees meeting, Camino Lounge, 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, Oceanside, Mass and Confirmation, Camp Pendleton, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 24, San Diego, University of San Diego Law School Commencement Exercises, 10:30 a.m.

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Monday, May 25, San Diego, Memorial Day Mass, Holy Cross Cemetery, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 26, San Diego, Mass and Confirmation, Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala, 5:30 p.m.

**Father Daniel Dillabough**
**Secretary**

**Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez:**

Friday, May 22, San Ysidro, Mass and Confirmation, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, Tijuana. Mexico, Mass, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 24, Santa Ysabel, Mass and Confirmation, St. John the Baptist Church, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, San Diego, St. Augustine High School Commencement Exercises, Community Concourse Complex, 8 p.m.

## In Loving Memory

*Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend the spirits of these belored ones who are gone before us into the realm of Thy eternal happiness and peace. Amen.*

**CASTANEDA, Maria Carmen.** Mother of Pat Torres, Connie Florez, Maria Frescas, Manuel and Edward Castaneda; sister of Manuel Diaz; 23 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass: May 4, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

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**JANDA, Anton Charles.** Husband of Olivia Meyer Janda; father of Charles, Paul, and Ralph Janda, Helen Tomasello, and Marilyn Manherz; brother of Emma Maly and Bessie Mares; 15 grandchildren. Funeral Mass: May 8, Guardian Angels Church.

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**KENNELLY, Marie Agnes.** Mother of Marie Gay and Eileen Clifford; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass: April 28, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

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**TRICHAK, Joseph Patrick.** Father of Barbara Nell Waddill, Joseph P. Trichak Jr., and Marylyn Trichak; brother of John, George, Andrew, Paul, Frank, Anthony, and Helen Trichak; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass: May 5, St. Joseph Cathedral.

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# Pope pardons his assailant

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Pope John Paul II continues to show steady signs of recovery from his gunshot wounds and personally pardoned the man who tried to kill him.

On Sunday, May 17, he concelebrated Mass for the first time from his hospital bed and tape-recorded his first public message—a brief expression of thanks, pardon, and prayer that was broadcast over the loudspeakers at the noontime *Regina Coeli* in St. Peter's Square.

**THE NEXT DAY,** as the pope marked his 61st birthday, he was transferred from the intensive care recovery room of Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic to a 10th-floor suite with a view overlooking the dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

Meanwhile, Italian police resumed their interrogations of Mehmet Ali Agca, the 23-year-old Turk accused of shooting the pope and two female American bystanders just before the papal Wednesday audience in St. Peter's Square May 13.

Police are investigating the possibility that Agca was backed, at least financially, by a terrorist organization. An international network of police agencies was cooperating with Italian and Turkish authorities in tracing Agca's movements and contacts for the past year and a half. Agca escaped from a Turkish prison in 1979 and faces a death sentence in Turkey for the murder of a journalist.

**FOR 30,000 PEOPLE** gathered in St. Peter's Square May 17 for the noontime *Regina Coeli,* the firm, strong recorded voice of the pope brought tears, relief, and a quiet exhiliration.

"Praised be Jesus Christ!" he began, and a spontaneous wave of applause filled the square, almost drowning out the next words.

Virtually every eye in the square was trained on the empty central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, as if that were where the voice was coming from.

**"BELOVED BROTHERS** and sisters," the pope continued, "I know that during these days and especially in this hour of the *Regina Coeli* you are united with me.

"I am particularly close to the two persons wounded together with me. I pray for that brother of ours who shot me and whom I have sincerely pardoned.

"United with Christ, priest, and victim, I offer my sufferings for the Church and for the world.

"To you, Mary, I repeat: *'Totus tuus ego sum'* (I belong entirely to you)."

**THE POPE THEN** recited the *Regina Coeli,* the Church's noontime prayer during the Easter season, and gave his blessing.

Half a mile away, in Santa Spirito Hospital, the two women who were shot with the pope burst into tears as they heard his message on the radio.

Mrs. Rose Hall, 21, who is from Massachusetts but currently resides in West Germany, suffered a shattered elbow in the assassination attempt and was listed in satisfactory condition.

**MRS. ANN ODRE,** 58, of Buffalo, N.Y., was shot in the chest, and the bullet travelled to her abdomen. She underwent surgery to remove her spleen. Doctors, who first listed her as critical, said she was making satisfactory progress, but they continued with a "guarded" prognosis, saying the danger of post-surgery infection would remain for some time.

The pope was wounded seriously in the abdomen and suffered lesser injuries in his right forearm and left forefinger, where two digital bones were shattered.

One of the Holy Father's first hospital visitors was Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who was in Rome at the time of the shooting.



Mark Ryland photo

**PEOPLE PRAY—In a scene repeated throughout the diocese and throughout the world, people gathered to pray in silence for the recovery of Pope John Paul. This photo was taken in St. Joseph Cathedral shortly after the news from Rome reached San Diego.**



Mark Ryland photo

**DPC ELECTS—The Diocesan Pastoral Council held its regular quarterly meeting last Saturday. Pictured, from left, are Sister Carolyn Link, CPPS, executive secretary; Bishop Leo T. Maher; and James Haskins, who was re-elected DPC chairman.**

# U.S. Catholics top 50 million

NEW YORK (NC)—The number of Catholics in the United States has passed the 50 million mark, according to the 1981 Official Catholic Directory, published May 21.

The new total is an increase of 637,664 over last year's total, an increase more than three times as great as the increase between 1979 and 1980.

**CATHOLICS NOW** form, however, a slightly smaller percentage of the total U.S. population: 22.05 percent, down from 22.47 percent last year.

The directory, based on figures reported by the nation's 33 archdioceses and 138 dioceses, is compiled annually by P.J. Kenedy and Sons of New York.

There are 360 members of the hierarchy, an increase of seven from last year; 58,398 priests, a decrease of 223; and 4,725 permanent deacons, an increase of 632. Among priests, there are 209 more diocesan priests for a total of 35,627 and 432 fewer Religious order priests for a total of 22,771.

**THERE ARE 122,653** nuns, a decrease of 3,864, and 7,966 Brothers, an increase of 25.

The 943,632 baptisms recorded were an increase of 33,126, and the number of converts was 88,942, an increase of 6,974. There were 350,745 Catholic marriages recorded, an increase of 5,224.

A total of 4.39 million students in public schools are enrolled in Catholic religious instruction programs—a 182,092 decrease from last year.

# Four diocesan high schools to graduate 689

SAN DIEGO—The four diocesan high schools in San Diego will be graduating a total of 689 seniors between now and the second week of June.

St. Augustine High School will be the first to hold a graduation ceremony. Festivities will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, with a Baccalaureate Mass in the school gymnasium. The celebrant will be Augustinian Father Anthony J. Wasko, Saints' principal, and the speaker will be Augustinian Father Jerome Bevilacqua. Pastors of all 122 graduating seniors have been invited to the Mass as concelebrants.

**THE SENIORS** will receive their diplomas at 8 p.m. that evening in Golden Hall at the Community Concourse. The valedictorian is James Gregory Zellmer, and the guest speaker is Peter H. Dailey.

Gregory Stephen Bucher of St. Charles Borromeo parish is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist from St. Augustine.

Marian High School will graduate 186 seniors on Friday, May 29, at a 6:30 p.m. ceremony at Golden Hall.

**AUXILIARY BISHOP** Gilbert E. Chavez will be the celebrant of the Baccalaureate Mass, and the class valedictorian is Ann K. Remley.

Our Lady of Peace Academy will graduate 101 seniors next on June 6 at 2 p.m. The ceremonies will be held on the school grounds on the North Terrace; the valedictorian at OLP this year is Kirsten Rauber, the salutatorian Loretta Evenson.

The school's Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated by Father Patrick Grace, chaplain, at 9:30 a.m. the previous day, June 5, at OLP.

**A NATIONAL MERIT** finalist is Claire Cunningham; Kirsten Rauber and Lisa Wetzel are semi-finalists.

Graduation day for University High School is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, with 280 seniors in the class. The valedictorian had not been determined at *Southern Cross* presstime because of a three-way tie by students each holding a perfect 4.0 average.

The UniHi Baccalaureate Mass will be held at 9 a.m. that morning in the Immaculata. Msgr. John A. Dickie, former UniHi principal and now executive director of the California Catholic Conference in Sacramento, will be the celebrant.

**THE ACTUAL** graduation ceremony itself will take place at 4 p.m. that same afternoon at the Ali Bahr Temple, near Highway 163 and Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

National Merit semi-finalists at UniHi include Tim Nottoli, Ralph Schneider, Lisa Stage, Tony Mauro, and Roseann Peragine.

## Memorial Day Mass

Bishop Leo T. Maher will be the principal concelebrant of a special Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum on Monday, May 25, beginning at 11 a.m.

Honor guards from the military services and the Knights of Columbus will participate as the bishop presents a memorial wreath in honor of the service given our country by its veterans.



# Editorial

**By Brother William Bilton, CJM**

## Pope is hostage to human race

The last time Pope John Paul II spoke in St Peter's Square, he defended human life—innocent human life—the life of the most defenseless of persons, the child in the mother's womb. Three days later, in that same square, his own life was the target of the violence that afflicts our society.

**In the two-and-one-half years of his pontificate, Pope John Paul II has had one main concern: the defense of man. Man was the subject of his first encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis*. Man—his human dignity and his human rights—has been the concern of his exhausting worldwide travels.**

In *Redemptor Hominis,* the Holy Father said that God drew forth man from His own nature. Because of this, he said, man has a special relationship to God—and to other men. Further, this relationship is affirmed and enhanced by man's redemption through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

All of this, the pope has said, has implications in every dimension of real life. To convey, teach, and exhort men that this reality must impact on their daily lives, Pope John Paul II has travelled the world and brought people to Rome. The synod on the family, with its married couple delegates, is an example of his efforts to relate the teachings of the Church to the existentialities of family life.

In his world travels, the pope has addressed governments, politicians, employees, employers—all those entities that affect the economic, social, and cultural conditions of life. He has brought the full depth of the Church's teachings to bear on specific and troubled areas of the world—Poland, Ireland, Africa, Latin America.

In Poland, he spoke to the Polish government leaders on his arrival in Warsaw. To them, he enunciated the obligations of government toward the people.

In the Indian village of Cuilpan, in the Mexican state of Oaxaca, he defended the rights of the Indians—the poorest of the poor. In Puebla, he echoed Pope John XXIII, when he affirmed that all private property bears a social mortgage and that owners have an obligation to share justly with workers the fruit of their labor on the land.

**In Favela Vidigal, a Brazilian squatter settlement of cardboard shacks, open sewers, and everyday misery, Pope John Paul II took off his ring and gave it to the parish. This, for the people of the slum and the world as well, symbolized the wedding of the Church with the poor.**

Like the journeys of the first Paul, these papal trips are teaching travels. During these trips, the pope often delivers 60 to 70 talks, many of them major addresses, covering the realities of the life of the people in the area he is visiting.

He has shown the Church to be the mystical body, one family, existing, rejoicing, suffering, bearing life's burdens together—very much concerned for the world.

Like Christ, Pope John Paul II is a hostage to the human race, vulnerable, willing to endure hardship and sacrifice for mankind and his salvation. He is pastor to the world and suffers its sins.

In this hour, let us pray for him.


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## 'Forces of evil'

Murders and attempted murders of persons well known in the world evoke responses of dismay, sorrow, even outrage. When we learned that a man had tried to kill our Holy Father, many of us (including non-Catholics) had still another response: incredulity. We find it hard to believe that any human being would even want to murder Pope John Paul, much less make the attempt.

Remember our Lord's warning to His successors on earth: "Because you are not of this world, . . . therefore the world hates you." The forces of evil have always hated Christ's Church. Sadly but realistically we must expect that this hatred will focus on him who is Christ's vicar.

The Holy Father's brush with death should cause us to ask ourselves whether we have tended to take him and his pontificate for granted. When we face the possibility of losing this most gifted successor of St. Peter we realize how much the Church and the world needs his leadership. Bishop Maher surely spoke for all of us when he cabled Pope John Paul that "we need you."

Do we pray regularly for his protection from harm? When we hear his name spoken in the liturgy do we pray quite specifically for him and for his well-being? I urge others to join me in taking this tragic event as a spur to more earnest prayers that God will long continue to work through Pope John Paul as His special instrument in our world.

**Ray Ryland, Deacon**
**San Diego**

## A sign of contradiction

Somehow my own reflections have been on humanity rather than the Holy Father himself. For me this shooting is but one aspect of a greater historical cry of our times.

What are we saying together as humankind? What are we suffering together as nations become a world?

Immigration, Ireland, taxes, El Salvador, Reagan, profit, Israel, John Paul . . , I am overwhelmed at how linked we really are as a world of persons, none of whom may attain freedom or experience peace while the other suffers.

There is as yet no peace, but only the tangible sign of contradiction, a living sign among us, revealing a great pull toward unity and a great temptation to isolation.

**Sister Carlotta DiLorenzo, CSJ**
**San Diego**

## Where's the others?

Father Kraft is to be commended on the time and effort he expended to obtain a ministerial degree.

It would be interesting to list all the other diocesan priests who have earned academic doctoral degrees.

**JRC**
**(Name withheld by request)**
**San Diego**

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# The Pope Speaks



## Strong talk planned

VATICAN CITY (NC)—If Pope John Paul II had not been shot on the way to his regular Wednesday audience May 13, he would have delivered a strong talk on Catholic social justice teachings.

He also would have personally announced that he was upgrading the Vatican's Committee for the Family to the level of a pontifical council and that he was establishing an International Institute of Marriage and Family Studies in Rome's pontifical Lateran University.

When the pope was wounded by gunshots, he was on his way to the platform in St. Peter's Square where he planned to devote his audience to a commemoration of the 90th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum,* the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII that marks the beginning of modern Catholic social teaching.

The encyclical "was not only a vigorous and accurate account of the 'undeserved misery' in which workers of the time were immersed . . . but above all it posed the foundations for a just solution of those grave problems of human social reactions," said the pope's prepared text, which was released three hours after the shooting.

Pope Leo "had not only the right but the duty" to speak out on the issues, said the pope's text. "Indeed, what justifies the intervention of the Church and its supreme pastor in social questions is always the mission received from Christ to save man in his integral integrity."

The text went on: "The Church by its vocation is called to be the faithful protector of human dignity everywhere, the mother of the oppressed and those on the fringes of society, the Church of the weak and the poor."

# Insights

**By Father Richard F. Duncanson**



## The 'why' within

When Cardinal Felici announced the election of Pope John Paul II, few of the thousands of people assembled in St. Peter's Square seemed to recognize the name of the man chosen to succeed St. Peter as bishop of Rome. I was there among those thousands asking questions like "Who is he?" and "Where does he come from?" Someone near me asked, "Is he black?"—evidently thinking that "Wojtyla" was a name from the Third World.

It was only as we consulted the special editions of *L'Osservatore Romano* with the names and pictures of all the cardinals that we knew for sure it was the archbishop of Krakow who would lead the Church as Pope John Paul II.

Two-and-a-half years after that papal election, thousands of people assembled in St. Peter's Square were once again asking questions like "Who is he?" and "Where does he come from?" The object of the crowd's frantic curiosity was not the new pontiff whom they had come to know and love so well, but the unnamed figure who attempted to assassinate him.

The basic question we all eventually must ask about the papal assassination attempt is "Why?" There is a tendency to look for the answer to that question in the "who" and "where" of the assailant. Focusing attention on a deranged Turkish terrorist, however, distracts us from the real answer to the question "Why?"

This answer will ultimately be found only by looking inward to the roots of sinfulness within fallen human nature. It is here that we find the key to understanding the "why" of countless other expressions of evil in the world. The world will doubtlessly continue to manifest such evil until Christ comes again.

Meanwhile we who are Christians must look into our hearts to eliminate those expressions of evil we find in our own lives, and by our love and example we must help others to do the same.

## Our Christian Way of Life

**By Enid Lanyon**

# How do I love thee?

It is extraordinary the things people will do for what they claim to love. Kill a president, kill oneself, kill each other, kill a rival, beat up wives and children, harbor emotionally destructive jealousy. Hundreds of women have killed their unborn children at the dictate of a lover.

Is it so easy for us to accept the idea that love gives a license to destroy and wreak revenge rather than to give life and forgiveness? If we were to suggest to the people who perpetrate such crimes against love that they are motivated not by love but by hatred they would be shocked and angry.

**FEW OF US WILL ADMIT** to hatred. We have to lose control of ourselves in some way before we can scream the truth at ourselves and others. Hatred is an ugly, evil, warping thing and even those of us most unhappy with ourselves do not like to apply that image to ourselves. We package our hatred in pretty paper wrappings, like a time bomb in Christmas foil.

Thwarted love is a favorite cover-up. We "love" someone who does not love us and we cannot bear to see them live happily or live at all. That's love? Greater good is another winner. Things are not going well, troubles are piling up, it is "better" to destroy the ones we "love" than take a chance on life.

We cannot have what we love or someone takes what we love and we are driven to destroy both, or, if our self-esteem is low, ourselves. What does that have to do with love?

**IF OUR CAPACITY** to recognize and experience love is related to our development as human beings—and it is—we have to admit that there are a frightening number of people who emotionally have not yet left the nursery. There have always been more emotional infants or adolescents than adults in our fallible world, but is it an illusion that today their numbers seem to have increased?

Is it simply that our news media bring more evidence to our attention and the psychological orientation of our thinking lays more stress on the aberrant than the normal? Or is it that more and more men and women are growing up in a world where they feel they neither matter nor are wanted? Has there always been such anger and violence at work in society and it is only now surfacing? Or is it a phenomenon of our time?

Whatever the answer, it is a symptom of lovelessness, and that means a lack of faith in and knowledge of God. as society draws more and more away from the belief in a loving, forgiving God as the hub of existence, and as existence designed primarily to reflect that love and forgiveness, it opens a Pandora's box.

**PERSONAL POWER IS** always a golden calf, whether it is power over the people in our small circle or over conglomerates. If we do not perceive love and forgiveness as the ultimate source of power because its power is for good and not self-service; we flip for the other side of the coin, hatred and destruction.

It is not that apparent, of course, and we don't like to be that "hard and unfeeling" in our assessments, and there are many more ways of denying someone existence than physical annihilation. The question is, what can we do about the seeming rise in violence and anger in our midst?

Well, the main thing is never to underestimate the power of love. Love, like prayer, is a nomad. It does not remain where we place it. It takes to the road and moves out to counterbalance the hatred hitch-hiking our highways. Every impulse of love, every decision to love, every life commitment to love is like a stone dropped in a pond—its ripples go far beyond the point of contact and start undercurrents we cannot be aware of.

**WE NEED, I THINK,** to see love more as an end in itself rather than as a specific reaction to present circumstances. After all, God *is* love!

## Q and A

**By Father Warren J. Rouse, OFM**

**Q: Where can I find the Church's official interpretation of the Bible?**

**A:** The teaching authority of the Church can, of course, officially interpret or define as dogmatic any verse in the Bible. She can do this by stating what a statement means or does not mean.

According to Scripture scholar Carroll Stuhlmueller, only six texts have been defined:

- (1) "No one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5) means that "natural water" must be used in baptism.
- (2) "Sin came into the world through one man, and his sin brought death with it" (Romans 5:12) means that Adam's sin brought harm not only to himself but to the whole human race.
- (3) "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22) is an indirect and negative definition: the equal status of Jesus with the Father and Spirit cannot be denied.
- (4) "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19 and I Corinthians 11:24) defines the priestly ordination of the apostles.
- (5) "If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven" (John 20:23) defines the priest's power to forgive sins in God's name.
- (6) "Is there anyone who is sick? He should send for the church elders, who will pray for him and anoint him with oil in the Name of the Lord" (James 5:14) is the doctrinal foundation for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

The Church also teaches—but does not define—one other text: the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John cannot be interpreted to mean that "everyone has a right to receive both the host and the chalice in Holy Communion." But while so few texts have been defined, Stuhlmueller notes that "it is also evident that the Church's concern is directed toward traditional doctrine and morals within whose setting Scripture is seen as a means of support and appreciation."

## the Saints

by Luke

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN of PAZZI



ST. MARY MAGDALEN OF PAZZI WAS BORN IN 1566, IN FLORENCE, ITALY, AND GIVEN THE NAME CATHERINE AT HER BAPTISM. SHE RECEIVED HER FIRST COMMUNION AT 10 AND MADE A VOW OF VIRGINITY AT 12. SHE LOVED TO TEACH CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE. HER FATHER, NOT KNOWING HER VOW, WANTED HER TO MARRY, BUT SHE PERSUADED HIM TO ALLOW HER TO BECOME A RELIGIOUS.

AT 18, SHE WAS PROFESSED IN THE CARMELITE CONVENT OF SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI IN FLORENCE ON MAY 17, 1584, TAKING THE NAME OF MARY MAGDALEN. HER MOTTO WAS, "TO SUFFER OR DIE." SHE WAS OBEDIENT, HUMBLE AND HAD A GREAT REVERENCE FOR THE RELIGIOUS LIFE. SHE WAS TWICE CHOSEN MISTRESS OF NOVICES. SHE WAS SAID TO HAVE RARE GIFTS, BEING ABLE TO READ THE THOUGHTS OF HER NOVICES SO SHE COULD DIRECT THEM WISELY. SHE WAS EVENTUALLY MADE SUPERIORESS.

SHE WAS SO FILLED WITH THE LOVE OF GOD THAT THE SISTERS CALLED HER THE "MOTHER OF CHARITY." SHE DIED IN 1607.

THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN OF PAZZI IS MAY 27.

## The Sunday Readings

**By Deacon James Steinberg**

# He will send the Spirit

**May 24, 1981, Sixth Sunday of Easter. Acts 8:5-8; 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.**

Although we are still in the Easter season, we are already looking ahead to Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit, which launched the formal mission of the Church. Our three readings for the Sunday before Ascension Thursday concern the role of the Holy Spirit in our life as Christians and our life as a Church.

In Acts St. Luke tells of the steady spread of the new faith from Jerusalem. Persecuted by the Jewish authorities, the Church begins its first great missionary activity. The Church, even to this day, is never stronger than where it faces adversity.

**THE DEACON PHILIP** was sent to the half-pagan, half-Jewish Samaritans, who accept the Gospel on the evidence of the miracles he performs as a sign of God's saving activity.

What follows is literally the Samaritan Pentecost. Already baptized, these new Christians receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit from the hands of Peter and John. Not only are they thus confirmed, but the basic unity of the Church is expressed in that it is two of The Twelve who fulfill the episcopal role, the official *overseers* commissioned directly by Jesus Himself.

First Peter is addressed to a community being tried severely by persecution. Christ is ever the model and the hope of those who suffer, and as He was triumphant over death itself, so the Christian who would follow Him is asked to follow in the Way of the Cross.

**SUFFERING BORNE FOR** the sake of Jesus and His kingdom has now become the source of shame and condemnation for those who persecute the just and do them evil.

Hope is the key word here, and we are to hope always in the Lord Jesus. We have become one Body with Him, and as the earthly body of Jesus has been raised to new life in the Holy Spirit, so too has the Spirit become the source of all life and hope, the very soul of the Church.

Of The Twelve, St. John is the poet and theologian without equal; he has a developed Christology and a theology of the Holy Spirit, and in today's Gospel reading he treats of the Pentecostal promise.

**JESUS IS PREPARING** to return to His Father, and promises to send another *Paraclete,* Greek for Comforter or Helper. Jesus was the first Paraclete in His own ministry, and the Holy Spirit comes from the Father to take the place of the Son from whom they both come, completing the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

But even this joyous promise carries a warning. As the world neither recognized nor accepted Jesus, so too will it reject the true follower of Jesus. Jesus will not leave us orphaned, however; the spiritual journey of faith, though not always an easy one, will always have the Spirit to comfort and sustain us.

# St. Agnes parish looks to future

By Deacon James Steinberg

SAN DIEGO—St. Agnes parish in Point Loma is unusual in a number of ways. Many of its families are Portuguese, and there is even a Mass offered in that language on Sundays. But the parish staff is Irish.

And at a time when so many changes in the Church have been mandated from the top, the parishioners of St. Agnes themselves, through their own parish council, have undertaken a feasibility study aimed at renewing the physical plant with an eye to parish needs in the year 2000.

**THAT PLAN COULD** ultimately mean the demolition of the current church building and rectory that have served the parish so well for so many years.

The St. Agnes Feasibility Committee was formed late in 1979, said Msgr. Patrick Fox, the pastor. The committee was asked to consider the liturgical, demographic, cultural, physical, and even legal aspects of the parish over the next two decades, and to make specific recommendations to the parish council.

Complicating the committee's work was an empty, unused parochial school building—the parish closed its school 10 years ago when the Sisters who taught there left—and crowds which were at capacity or overflowing at some weekend Masses, a lack of adequate parking, and changing population patterns in the Point Loma area.

**THE PLAN FINALLY** adopted by the parish council is actually in five phases, and involves several different options depending upon the availability of funds. Proposals before the diocesan building committee at the moment include the removal of the unused school building to provide off-street parking, the construction of six new classrooms for the parish school of religion (CCD), and a study of what can be done with the present church to meet the liturgical norms which have come about since the Second Vatican Council.

But despite all the emphasis on building and physical plant, the heart of St. Agnes parish is still its parishioners and the staff that serves them, said Msgr. Fox. Assisting Msgr. Fox is Father Joseph Mel Collier, who was fluent in Spanish before coming to St. Agnes, but who can now "manage enough Portuguese, at least from the altar."

Mercy Sister Alphonsus McDonnell coordinates the parish CCD program and a number of other activities; an active youth program is directed by Mrs. Therese Flannigan, and several Portuguese organizations are quite active at St. Agnes as well.

**IT IS THE** Portuguese, many of them fishermen and their families, who lend St. Agnes its distinctive ethnic flavor; and, as Sister Alphonsus observes, "they are very much traditional in their faith," a faith which finds its most colorful and exuberant expression on Pentecost Sunday every year, with a special fiesta and procession through the streets of the Point Loma area.

The family is important in St. Agnes parish, said Msgr. Fox. For example, confirmation is a two-year program which includes both parents and sponsors, who are expected to be actively involved in the children's preparation for the sacrament.

"We don't believe in isolating the children's education from parental involvement," said Sister Alphonsus.

**THE PARISH SPONSORS** its own boy scout troop, has a full-time youth minister, three singing groups for the different Masses—Portuguese, folk and traditional adult choir—and a separate hall to meet the social needs of the large Portuguese community.



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**ST. AGNES' STAFF—Helping Msgr. Patrick Fox, right, pastor of St. Agnes Church are, from left, Father Joseph Mel Collier, associate pastor; Mrs. Therese Flannigan, youth minister; Sister Alphonsus McDonnell, RSM; and Charles Bishop, parish council president.**

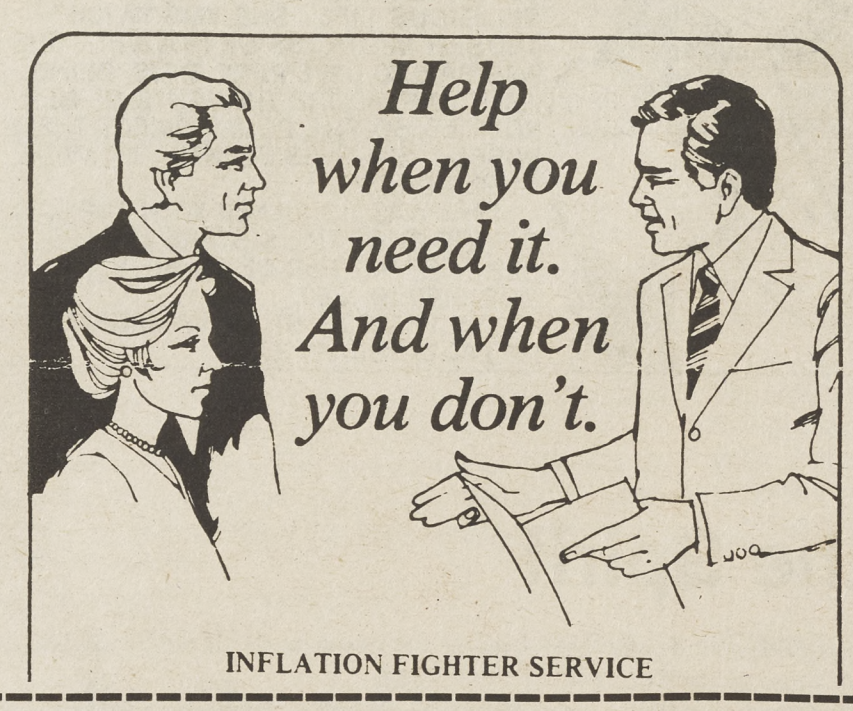
Family is especially important to the fishermen, said Msgr. Fox, most of whom are away from six to 12 weeks at a time, at least three times a year. "That puts a certain amount of strain on the families," he added, "but that's part of their lives and they know how to handle it well."

Father Collier believes in cautioning girls who want to marry a fisherman if they come from a different family background. "Do you know what it means to be married to a fisherman?" he asks them. But despite long absences, he says, there is a larger, extended family which is very supportive of the wives and children when the men are out at sea.

**"THEY ARE** strong in their faith, hardworking, industrious people," he said.

St. Agnes has been very much in the forefront of parish renewal as it looks toward the future. It has already held eight parish renewal weekends, including one in Portuguese, as it seeks to develop its most valuable resource, the parishioners of St Agnes themselves.

"We are very much for our people and their involvement in everything we do as parish," said Msgr. Fox. And St. Agnes seems to have expressed its faith and confidence in the future by investing in both its physical plant *and* its people as it looks ahead to the turn of a century, only 19 years in the future.


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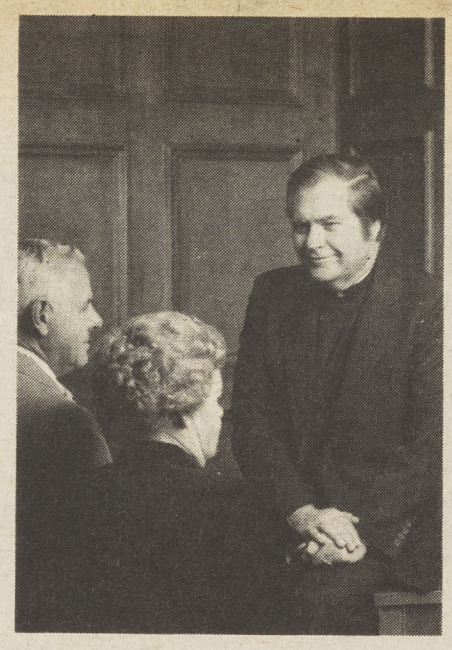
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# Eyewitnesses recount papal shooting

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Why shoot the pope?

This question spread throughout St. Peter's Square May 13 as eyewitnesses wondered why shots were being fired at Pope John Paul II.

"At the second shot, I saw the pope supporting himself on the railings of the car," said Jean Noel Carpentier, a Canadian. "Then he collapsed."



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**BEFORE SHOOTING—Moments before he was shot, Pope John Paul II lifted this baby from the crowd of 20,000 who had come for his regular Wednesday general audience.**

**AS NEWS OF THE SHOOTING** passed through the crowd of about 20,000, disbelief turned to sorrow, fear, and continued confusion.

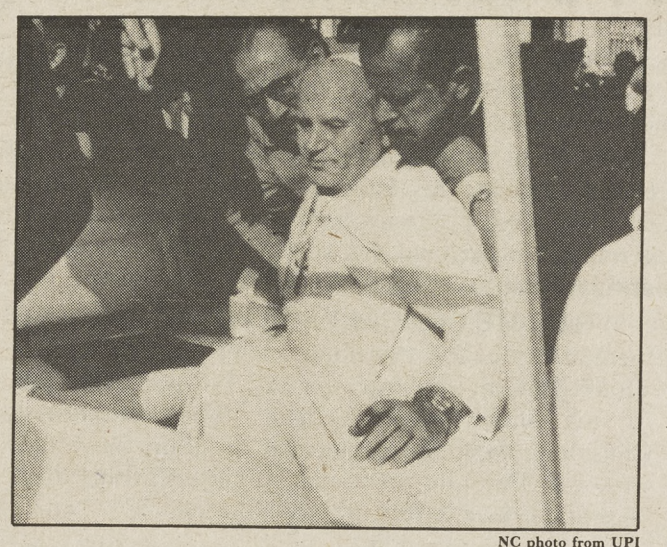
According to Alceste Santini, Vatican reporter for *L'Unita,* the Italian Communist Party's newspaper, "a shiver of terror swept over the crowd" when the shots were fired.

Italian police arrested Mehmet Ali Agca, a 23-year-old Turk, as a suspect in the shooting. Besides the pope, two American women, Anne Odre and Rose Hall, were wounded.



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**ACCUSED ASSAILANT—A man identified as Mehmet Ali Agca of Turkey is shown shortly after being arrested in St. Peter's Square. A convicted murderer and escapee from a Turkish prison, he is accused of the May 13 shooting of the Holy Father.**



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**POPE FALLS—Moments after being shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square, Pope John Paul II slumps in the arms of his aides. Two women in the crowd were also shot.**

**WHILE MANY OF** the people in St. Peter's Square knelt in prayer as an ambulance sped the pope to Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic, others wanted to take revenge on the papal assailant.

"Around me the people were screaming in fear, in terror," said 25-year-old Attilio Bianchi. "Many of them were yelling, 'Get him. Kill him.'"

Bianchi said that at the moment of the attack he felt "confusion, rage, something that grabs you by the throat and seems to suffocate you."

**"I HEARD TWO VERY** loud noises. At first I thought they were gunshots and then I thought, no it can't be. It's just firecrackers. Then I heard the wailing. The pope had been shot," said Kathleen Naureckas, a graphics technician from Chicago.

Writing in the special May 14 edition of the Vatican daily newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano,* Piero Di Domenico described how many people in the square had approached him shortly before the audience to tell him of their hopes for "this privileged hour of joy, reflection, and prayer."

"The pistol shots, with their dry, cold, inhuman sound, froze the atmosphere," he added. "Many hours will pass before the square reassumes its face of old."


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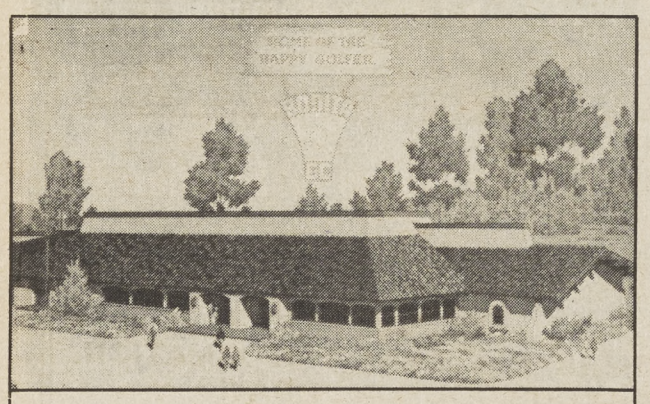
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# 'No one takes my life, I offer it myself'

**From NC Dispatches**

First there was shock. Then the reaction to the shooting of Pope John Paul II turned to dismay and anger that another world leader—especially one who took his message of peace around the globe—had become the latest victim of the world's spiral of violence.

Cardinal Humberto Medeiros of Boston expressed the feelings of many when he said that his initial reaction was a mixture of shock, sickness, and sadness.

"**THEN I ASKED:** If this man, so strong a force for goodness, justice, and peace, is attacked, who then among us is safe?"

World leaders from President Reagan to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev joined in a chorus of indignation along with hope for the pope's full recovery from his wounds.

President Reagan, upon first learning of the shooting, told a presidential aide, "I'll pray for him." The White House later released a statement from the president expressing thanks that the pope's life had been spared.

"**POPE JOHN PAUL** was wounded today while doing what he had done so well and so often throughout his travels—reaching out to others, offering hope, light, and the peace of God," said Reagan, wounded 44 days earlier in another assassination attempt.

Said Brezhnev in a telegram to the pope: "I am personally indignant at the criminal attempt on your life. I wish you a full and speedy recovery."

Aides to French President Valery Giscard d'Estang quoted him as saying, "Really, whenever there is a great man in the West, someone feels obliged to shoot at him. It is scandalous."

**ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER** Menachem Begin said it was "unbelievable" that such attacks against world leaders continue to occur, while West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt expressed "dismay and disgust" at the shooting.

The pope's native Poland also grieved at the shooting. In addition to special Masses offered throughout the country, the government's three top leaders, including the head of the Communist Party, Stanislaw Kania, sent a get-well message to the pope.

Church reaction in the United States was led by Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Once more the tragic spiral of violence that has so often engulfed the world reached out not just to harm the leader of the Church but to sadden all persons of decency and good will."

**ARCHBISHOP ROACH** prayed that the pope would be restored to full health "so that he can continue his providential leadership of the Church and his determined quest for peace on earth."

Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles praised the pope's fearlessness and called him a "good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep."

Said the cardinal, "I really believe that it is typical of the pope that he has exposed himself all across the world to everybody who wishes to reach out and touch him."

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the shooting, cautiously optimistic medical bulletins were virtually the only source of information on the pope's condition.

The pope granted a request by the entire attending hospital staff to visit with him as a group last Saturday morning.

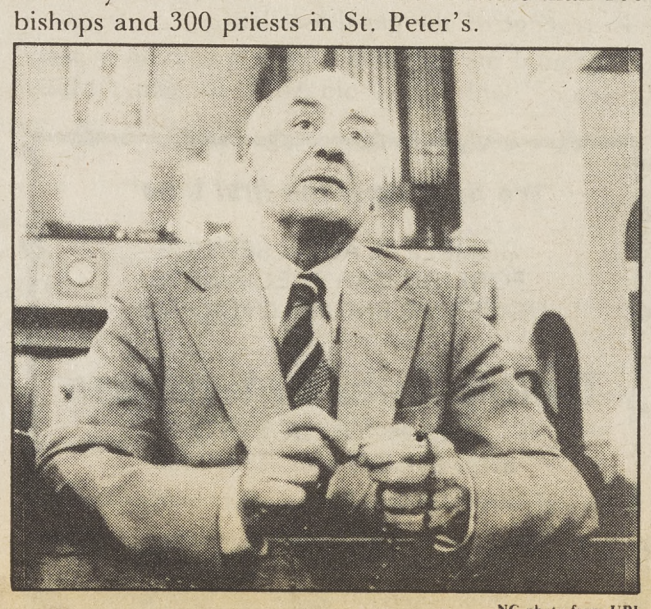
He then asked about other patients in the hospital. When he was told that a 19-month-old baby named Fabrizio had died overnight of a cerebral hemorrhage, he asked that his condolence and blessing be given to the family.

**WHEN HE CONCELEBRATED** Mass with his secretaries Sunday morning, doctors said he took a small corner of the Host, the only exception allowed to his intravenous feeding. The temporary colostomy they had performed to drain intestinal wastes will require additional surgery, but this may be several days to several weeks away.

The pope's scheduled trip to Switzerland (May 31-June 5) was cancelled.

The Vatican press spokesman, Father Romeo Panciroli, said a Pentecost celebration June 7 in St. Peter's was going to be held as scheduled, although it was not certain whether the pope would be able to preside.

**TO MARK THE POPE'S** 61st birthday this past Monday, Cardinal Carlo Confalonieri, dean of the College of Cardinals, concelebrated a Mass for his recovery with 30 other cardinals and more than 100 bishops and 300 priests in St. Peter's.



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**COUSIN PRAYS—John Edward Wojtyla, an American cousin of Pope John Paul II, prays a rosary for "the Church and cousin Karol" at Detroit's Immaculate Conception Church.**

"Why should someone rise up against the pope, the unarmed messenger of the good news, the defender of man, the tireless witness of peace and love on the path of the world? Why raise a hand armed with violence and hatred against him who raises his own hands only to embrace children, caress the sick, or comfort and bless all those who come to him? Why?" asked the cardinal.




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**SHOOTING SITE—Diagram of St. Peter's Square shows where Pope John Paul II was shot last Wednesday. The site is only a few hundred feet from the tomb of St. Peter, which lies directly under the dome of St. Peter's Basilica.**

"Whoever is familiar with John Paul II knows that he was fully aware of the risks he exposed himself to," he added. "But the duty of a pastor called him in the midst of his flock, and he never said no. He was never afraid. Driven by the charity of Christ...his, too, like Christ's, is a choice: 'No one takes away my life, I offer it myself.'"

**THE CARDINAL** compared the pope's suffering to that of St. Paul, citing Paul's words that he gladly suffered for the sake of those in his charge.

"But we know fully well that the sufferings of the Holy Father did not begin in recent days with the act of violence against him," he said.

Rather, the pope's sufferings, like those of the apostle Paul, belong to "the whole apostolic and missionary task, with his daily heavy burden of cares to build the material for the completion of Christ's sufferings and the building up of His body, which is the Church," he said.


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# Pope asked, 'Why me?'

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martyrdom of St. Thomas Becket, the 12-century archbishop of Canterbury who opposed King Henry II's attempts to control the English Church, has aroused such notoriety as last year's assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, a death which Pope John Paul felt very personally and deeply.

**"MY SOUL** was pierced with pain," John Paul wrote to the bishops of El Salvador upon the March 24, 1980 murder of the 62-year-old archbishop of the tiny Central American country, who was gunned down in a hospital chapel while celebrating Mass. Archbishop Romero, like the four murdered American women missionaries, three of them nuns, was among the 8,000 people killed last year in the struggle for justice now going on there.

"His priestly service to the Church remains sealed by the immolation of his life while offering the Eucharist," the pope wrote of the slain archbishop.

The pontiff used the occasion—one of many—to denounce in no uncertain terms the escalating level of violence in today's world. "Violence profoundly wounds the conscience," he wrote, and the alternative is to pursue "the paths of faith and of Christian love..."

**THE CONTINUING** violence in Northern Ireland has been repeatedly condemned by the Holy Father. In a speech at Drogheda, near the Northern Irish border, on Sept. 29, 1979, Pope John Paul denounced violence as a "lie, for it goes against the truth of our faith, the truth of our humanity...violence destroys what it claims to defend: the dignity, the life, the freedom of human beings. Violence is a crime against humanity, for it destroys the very fabric of society," he said.

Then, in a direct appeal "to all men and women engaged in violence," the pontiff concluded his remarks with the plea: "On my knees I beg you to turn away from the paths of violence and return to the ways of peace. You may claim to seek justice. I too believe in justice and seek justice. But violence only delays the day of justice. Violence destroys the work of justice."

**IT WAS THAT** same kind of senseless violence which accomplishes nothing which motivated a gunman to fire his automatic pistol at the pope in a crowded St. Peter's Square last Wednesday.

Violence is no stranger to the papacy itself. Church historian Msgr. John Tracy Ellis notes that of the first 31 popes, including St. Peter, who was crucified in a upside-down position, nearly all are considered martyrs by the Church.

St. Peter was buried in a secret Christian cemetery atop the Vatican Hill, and the papal altar of St. Peter's Basilica stands directly atop the grave of the chief apostle.

**A NUMBER** of other popes down through the ages have either been directly killed or later died as a result of violence. There were even rumors, notes Msgr. Ellis, that Pope John Paul's immediate predecessor, John Paul I, was poisoned after a pontificate lasting little more than a month.

But the brief pontificate of John Paul I two-and-half-years ago is not the shortest papal reign; in 1555, Marcellus II occupied the papal chair for only three weeks; and in 752, a Roman priest named Stephen was elected to the papacy upon the death of Pope St. Zachary, but he died four days later, and was never consecrated bishop of Rome, which would have formally begun his pontificate.

Pope John Paul has been bishop of Rome for less than three years, but his pontificate has been one of the most significant of modern times. He is already the most-travelled pontiff in history, having logged over 100,000 miles in visits to Africa, Asia, North and South America, as well as extensive travels within Europe, especially Italy.

**HE WILL LIKELY** have a greater impact on the modern world than any of his 262 predecessors in the See of Peter. A brilliant scholar, a profound theologian, a versatile man who is a superb athlete and an accomplished author, a man of deep and abiding faith, he defies easy description.

On matters of doctrine he is firm and insistent that the traditional disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church be followed. The pope has strongly supported Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humane Vitae*, which bans any form of artificial contraception, and has written of the need to curb liturgical abuses, of a renewed and deep commitment to the Eucharist, and of the necessity of sacramental confession and reconciliation. He is firmly committed to maintaining the tradition of priestly celibacy in the Latin Rite, although he has indicated he will allow some former married Episcopal (Anglican) priests to apply for ordination in the Catholic Church.

But he has been equally firm in his witness to social justice, in his defense of the rights of the poor and the oppressed, as an opponent of violence and terrorism, as the champion of the sacredness of life, especially the unborn.

**HIS SOCIAL** thinking is solidly grounded in the modern social doctrine of the Church found in the encyclicals of Popes Leo XIII, John XXIII, and Paul VI.

Pope John Paul II has written two encyclicals so far during his papacy. The first, *Redemptor Hominis* (Redeemer of Man), was issued in March of 1979 and was a comprehensive vision of a Christian anthropology dealing with the divine and human aspects of the redemption effected in Jesus Christ.

The pope's second encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia* (Rich in Mercy), issued in December of last year, said that society will become more human only through an infusion of the "merciful love" which comes to us in Jesus Christ. The pope held that simple concepts of justice untempered by love are not really just at all.

**BEFORE HIS** ordination to the priesthood, Karol Wojtyla was a quarry worker and a member of the Polish underground during World War II. Instrumental in helping a number of Jews escape the German death camps, he himself was placed on a Nazi execution list in 1944.

As archbishop of Cracow, he was one of the Fathers at the Second Vatican Council, and was instrumental in developing the Council's emphasis on the Church as the entire people of God, documented in the Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*.

He was named a cardinal of the Roman Church in 1967 by Pope Paul VI, and on October 16, 1978, became the first non-Italian to succeed to the See of Peter in 455 years.

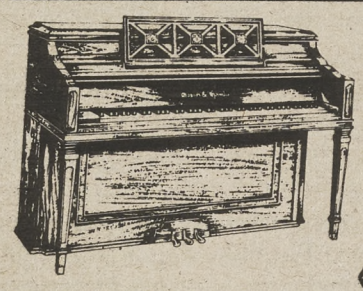
**THE CHARACTER** of John Paul II, both as head of the Church Universal who takes seriously the command of Christ to Peter to "feed my sheep" and as a man, is best illustrated in a talk given in a sugarcane field in the Philippines last February.

Speaking to a large crowd of peasants and workers along with owners and managers, he told all that "violence can never be a means for solving social conflict, and class struggle which opposes one group to another cannot create justice since its premise is destruction and contempt for man. To construct a truly human society, every man and woman must make a choice for justice and love, for solidarity and brotherhood, against selfishness and hatred."

It is unfortunate that the young man who fired bullets from his 9mm automatic pistol into the Holy Father's body last Wednesday in St. Peter's Square had never heard those words.

**AND IT IS** equally unfortunate that, had he heard those words, he would still, no doubt, have squeezed the trigger. As he lay bleeding, the pope is supposed to have asked, "Why me? Why me?"

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### BENEFITS

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***Knights of Columbus Council*** of St. Pius X Church hosts benefit art show and auction, 7 p.m., May 30, McGinley Hall, 36 E. Naples St., Chula Vista. Donation: $2.

***St. Francis School*** benefit performance of "The Wizard of Oz" with Father Thomas Byrne, St. Francis pastor, as the Wizard, 1:30 p.m., May 23, and 7 p.m., May 24, parish hall, 525 West Vista Way, Vista. Details: 724-8188.

***St. Charles Church*** annual benefit bazaar, May 30-31, parish grounds, 990 19th St., Imperial Beach. Public welcomed.

***St. Didacus Altar Society*** benefit cards-bingo party, noon, May 30, school hall, 4630 34th St., San Diego. Donation: $2. Details: 282-8527, 284-0554.

### EDUCATION

***Augustinian Father Jerome Bevilacqua*** teaches scripture class, 7:30 p.m., May 25, St. Patrick Church, North Park, and celebrates Mass with healing service, 7:30 p.m., May 26, Holy Family Church, Linda Vista. Details: 271-1675.

***"Principles of Christian Living Through Scripture"*** with Pat Kankowski, last class 9:45-11:30 a.m., May 27, St. Therese Social Hall, Allied Gardens. Classes resume in the fall. Details: 286-4652, 286-0516.

***"Church and Community Response to New Immigration Proposals,"*** 12:30 p.m., May 26, University of San Diego Law School, Alcala Park, sponsored by San Diego County Ecumenical Conference and other groups. Donation: $3. Details: 474-6678.

***The Concerned Citizens for Human Life*** present family planning classes starting 7:30 p.m., May 25. For location and other details: 466-1507, or Box 19118, San Diego, 92119.

***Modern Hebrew classes*** at all levels, 10 a.m.-noon, Mondays and Wednesdays, Jewish Community Center, 4079 54th St., San Diego, taught by Gertrude Yellin, graduate of Hebrew University. Details: 296-3620.

### LITURGIES

***Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima*** sponsors first Saturday Mass, 7:45 a.m., June 5, St. Mary Magdalene Church, San Diego. Public invited. Details: 276-3693.

***Mission to the Deaf*** with Father Brian Doran, CM, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., June 7, University High School, Linda Vista.

***Czechoslovakian Mass*** with Father Jaroslav Popelka, SJ, 3 p.m., May 23, Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Details: 295-1718.

### ORGANIZATIONS

***Diocesan Council of Catholic Women*** executive board meeting, 9:30 a.m., May 27, 290 Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach. Details: 436-0301, 753-3406.

***Court Our Lady of San Diego, CDA,*** Mass and officers' installation, 8 p.m., June 2, St. Michael Church, San Diego. Details: 479-4850.

***Stalpar Club*** for single and widowed Catholics monthly meeting, 3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral club hall, Third and Beech Sts., San Diego. Details: 276-8689, 583-2282.

### RETREATS

***Retreat for recovering alcoholics*** with team of experts, June 19-21, Franciscan Retreat Center, Mission San Luis Rey, near Oceanside. Details: 757-3659.

***First Friday Day of Recollection,*** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., June 5, Old Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center. Donation: $4. No reservations required. Details: 757-3659.

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## Serra Club officers installed May 28

New officers of the Serra Club of San Diego will be installed at St. Francis Seminary, Alcala Park, on May 28. The installation will take place at a 5 p.m. Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez of San Diego in the seminary's chapel.

Officers are: Marvin Rickling, president; Woodrow Steichen, Wilfred Chartier, and John Rodee, vice-presidents; John Doyle, secretary; Hugh Gamble, treasurer, and Lawrence Lange, trustee.

The Serra Club is a unit of Serra International, dedicated to fostering religious vocations. Besides its spiritual activities, the club organizes and supports various seminary events.

## Four to receive Brotherhood awards

L.R. "Lee" Hubbard, Jr., a member of St. Didacus Church, San Diego, and three other community leaders will receive National Conference of Christians and Jews' Regional Brotherhood Awards at the 53rd anniversary citation dinner May 28 in the Hilton Hotel.

The other three recipients are Athena May, a Greek Orthodox, chairwoman of the Town Hall Lecture Series and Opera Association board member; Dr. Ralph Ocampo, president-elect of the San Diego County Medical Society; and Ernest Rady, president of the United Jewish Federation of Greater San Diego.

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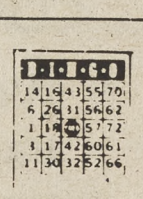
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# Personas de todas creencias rezan por salud del Santo Padre

**Por el Servicio de Noticias NC**

A consecuencia del atentado contra la vida del Santo Padre Juan Pablo II, católicos americanos en todas las diócesis a través del país celebraron Misas especiales y ofrecieron sus plegarias por la recuperación del Papa.

A menudo fueron acompañados en espíritu, si no en presencia, por sus hermanos protestantes y judíos.

**EL SR. OBISPO** Leo T. Maher hizo una declaración enseguida del balaceo a Su Santidad, en la cual dijo, ''Un gran y valiente líder del mundo ha sido balaceado, el Papa Juan Pablo II. Aquel que da ejemplo de paz, 'shalom,' es derribado por la violencia de la bala.''

Continúa el Sr. Obispo, ''El 30 de abril estuve enseguida de él en su audiencia en Roma. Oró por toda la gente y por sus familias. Su amor de la gente es tan evidente en sus saludos y sus sonrisas.''

El Obispo Maher pidió que ''toda la gente reze continuamente por su pronto restablecimiento. Necesitamos a este Papa, necesitamos que nos guíe y nos dirija.''

**EN SAN DIEGO** se ofreció una Misa especial en la Catedral de San José a las 12:00 de medio día el miercoles 13 de mayo, celebrada por el Sr. Obispo Gilberto E. Chávez.

En Miami líderes religiosos de varias denominaciones se unieron al Arzobispo Edward A. McCarthy y los sacerdotes diocesanos en un servicio de oración ecuménica en la Catedral de Santa María. La Asociación Rabínica expresó su ''profunda conmoción'' y anunció que las congregaciones judías rezaban por ''que este afectuoso y bondadoso hombre, cuyo amor y preocupación por todos los hijos del Señor ha dejado una marca indeleble sobre un mundo que necesita desesperadamente estas cualidades, sea bendecido con una pronta y completa recuperación para que en breve pueda regresar a los deberes vitales y responsables de su alto puesto.''

**LAS DENOMINACIONES** protestantes de Miami, hablando por medio de la Confraternidad de Iglesias, comentaron que ''nos unimos con todos aquellos de buena voluntad para expresar nuestra conmoción y nuestra pena. Oramos por su rápido restablecimiento y que el espíritu de Cristo sane a nuestro violento mundo.''

En Los Angeles, residentes hispanos rezaron en Misas especiales por ''nuestro papacito'' quien ha demostrado un interés especial por los pobres y maltratados alrededor del mundo. La Iglesia de San Alfonso en el este de Los Angeles, un barrio hispano, estaba casi llena durante su Misa de mediodía. Personas de negocios, mujeres de edad mayor, y miembros del jurado de la corte, también se reunieron en la Catedral de Santa Vibiana en el centro de Los Angeles para una Misa celebrada por el Cardenal Timothy Manning.

En la Misa del medio día en la Catedral de San Juan en Boise, Idaho, la congregación aumentó a cinco veces más de lo normal, llegando a 300 personas después del atentado. El decano de la Catedral Episcopal utilizó su servicio de comunión ordinario como una oportunidad de orar por el Papa Juan Pablo, dijo el Canciller, Padre William Crowley. Añadió que dos transeúntes entraron a la Cancillería — que antes fuera iglesia — después del balaceo. Uno era un joven que nadamás quería orar o pensar en silencio por unos cuantos minutos, dijo el Padre Crowley.

**EL CARDENAL DE CHICAGO,** John Cody, estaba ordenando a 16 sacerdotes cuando supo que habían balaceado al Papa. ''Hemos olvi lado las enseñanzas de Jesucristo — amor y caridad,'' dijo el cardenal.

La Iglesia Polaco-Americana de Chicago de los Cincos Santos Mártires, la cuál visitó el Santo Padre en 1979, ofreció la Misa por él. Los barrios polaco-americanos se silenciaron y las personas se dirijieron a la iglesia o a sus casas.

En Green Bay, Wis., el Padre Robert Gulig, rector de la Catedral de San Francisco Xavier, dijo a los niños de la escuela parroquial que rezaran por el Papa. El Padre Gulig había asistido a una audiencia en la plaza de San Pedro hacía dos semanas.

**DIJO QUE EN ESA OCASION** él se paró sobre una barricada para poder retratar a los miembros de un grupo de peregrinos de Wisconsin. El Papa, en su ''Jeep'' blanco, vió al sacerdote americano y le apuntó, sacudiéndole el dedo en señal de regaño por haberse encaramado a esa percha tan arriesgada. ''Temía que me cayera y me partiera la cabeza,'' dijo el Padre Gulig.

''He oído a tantos decir, 'Cómo que alguien quisiera matar al Papa?','' dijo. ''Es difícil responder. Alguien se sentía turbado, alguien sentía coraje, alguien se sentía dolido y necesitaba que le escucharan.''

Advirtiendo en contra de la venganza, el Cardenal Terence Cooke de Nueva York se dirijió a más de 2,500 feligreses en una Misa la tarde del 13 de mayo. ''Rezamos no con venganza ni con sed de retribución por aquellos que trataron de quitarle la vida, sino por que todos aquellos que usan sus manos para la violencia en cualquier parte del mundo aprendan pronto que el Señor nos ha hecho para Su gracia y no para el mal, para el bien y no para el odio, para estirar la mano con amor a nuestros prójimos y no con coraje y egoísmo,'' dijo en la Catedral de San Patricio.

**EL CARDENAL JOHN KROL** de Philadelphia hizo planes para rezar por el pontífice durante la ordenación de sus sacerdotes programada para el 16 de mayo. Pidió a los pastores locales que celebraran Misas especiales, horas de devoción y otros rezos por el bienestar del Papa. El cardenal y el Papa fueron elevados al Colegio de Cardenales el 26 de junio de 1967. Las iglesias episcopales de Pennsylvania también planearon oraciones.

Miembros del Concilio Nacional de Iglesias reunidos en Philadelphia, fueron guiados en oración para el Papa por el sacerdote ortodoxo, Padre Vladimir Berzonsky.

La Catedral de San Mateo en Washington fué escena de un servicio de oración especial vespertino y una Misa en la tarde para el restablecimiento del Papa. Entre los congregantes se encontraba el Secretario de Estado, Alexander Haig, el embajador polaco Romuald Spasowski, sacerdotes de otras denominaciones y varios líderes políticos.

**MIEMBROS DE LA COMUNIDAD** Diplomática de las Naciones Unidas también llenaron la Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia en Nueva York durante una Misa ofrecida por el Arzobispo Giovanni Cheli, observador permanente del Vaticano en las Naciones Unidas. ''Unicamente compasión, perdón y amor pueden conquistar al mal,'' dijo.


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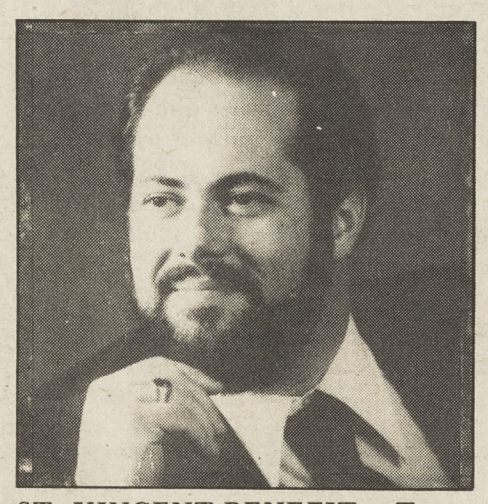
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WASHINGTON (NC)— Security forces protecting Pope John Paul II during his 1979 U.S. tour had to take precautionary action at least three times to avoid what could have resulted in a papal shooting in this country.

Two of the incidents, both involving reports of men with rifles along the papal motorcade route, apparently had been undisclosed until the May 13 attempted assassination of the pope in St. Peter's Square.

**IN THE THIRD** incident a man carrying three guns was arrested in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House shortly before the pope arrived there for his meeting with President Jimmy Carter.



**ST. VINCENT BENEFIT—Tenor Jonathan Welch will present a benefit concert of sacred music on Sunday, June 7, at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Mission Hills. Information may be obtained from the parish at 299-3881.**

According to Father Robert Lynch, who was papal visit coordinator for the U.S. bishops, both incidents involving reports of rifles occurred on Oct. 3, 1979, one in New York City and the other later the same day in Philadelphia.

In the first incident, as the papal entourage was departing St. Patrick's Cathedral for a youth rally at Madison Square Garden, a report came over the police radio that someone with a rifle had been spotted in the Statler Hilton Hotel across from the Garden.

**BUT BEFORE** the motorcade neared the Garden another report came over that a search had turned up no rifle and that the hotel had been secured, making it unnecessary to take any precautionary action.

Such was not the case when the pope got to Philadelphia that afternoon, according to Father Lynch, now rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami.

Another report came over of a man with a rifle on top of a building along the motorcade route on Broad Street. With not enough time to check the report out, Secret Service agents told the pope that he must sit down. He did so only "reluctantly," and the motorcade sped through several blocks at 40 miles per hour, Father Lynch said.

**IN THE INCIDENT** at the White House a man identified as Timothy Robert Burgess of Miami was arrested carrying three guns and a number of rounds of ammunition.



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**ROYAL HONOR—Celedonio Romero, a famous guitarist and a parishioner at St. James Church in Solana Beach, receives the Cross of the Order of Isabel la Catolica, Spain's highest honor, from the hands of Bishop Leo T. Maher, who presented the medal for King Juan Carlos de Borbon. Mrs. Romero looks on. The Romero family is known in the international music world as the "Royal Family of the Guitar."**

Burgess later told police he wanted to be arrested so that the government might straighten out a problem he had with the Veterans Administration.

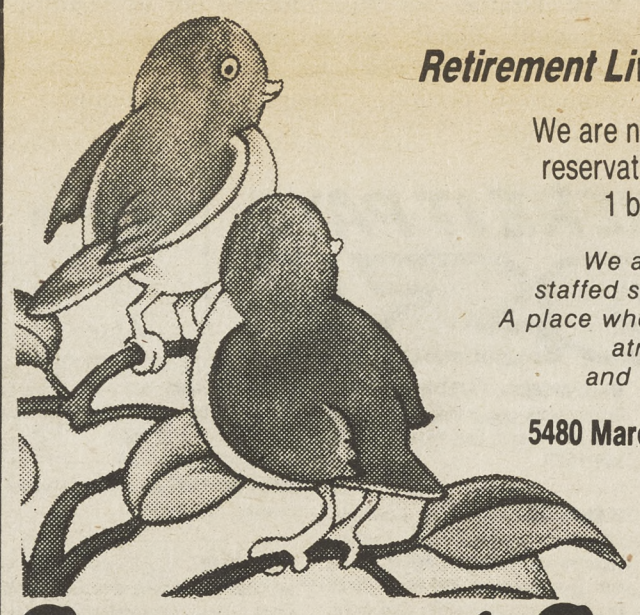
Father Lynch, in a phone interview the day after the papal shooting, agreed with others that the pope does not like to be inhibited by security.

"He does not take counsel from Bishop (Paul) Marcinkus and the security agent very well," remarked Father Lynch, referring to the Chicago-born president of the Vatican bank who has acted as a personal bodyguard for the pope on his world trips.

**AND HE SPECULATED** that while Vatican security might make some changes in access to St. Peter's Square for papal audiences and in access to spots close to the pope, those changes "won't be at his request."

But he also remarked that Vatican security is quite capable of protecting the pope and that its chief is one of the finest policemen in the world.

"I've said this after the Reagan shooting and I'll say it again that there is not a security force in the world that can protect any public person from a single individual who gets close and fires away," said Father Lynch.

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